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16. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim ~~8~~¹, wherein ~~the~~ amount of said inosine applied to the soil ranges from 5 to 100 g per 100 tons of soil.--

REMARKS

Claims 9-12 have been canceled. Claim 8 and new Claims 13-16 remain active in the case.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Pryor for the indication of allowable subject matter in the case in the form of Claim 8. Accordingly, applicants have now canceled Claims 9-12 indicated as not allowable in order to allow Claim 8 to pass to issue. In this connection, applicants hereby submit new Claims 13-16, which are dependent on Claim 8, and are directed to the subject matter of the application disclosed at page 6, lines 4-7 and page 7, lines 17-21 of the specification. Because the newly presented are clearly supported by the text of the case, entry of the same into the record is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9-12 and add new Claims 13-16 as follows.

-- 13. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim 8, wherein the concentration of said amino acid applied to the leaves of grass ranges from 0.2 ppm to 0.2 %.

14. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said concentration of said amino acid ranges from 10 to 300 ppm.

15. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said concentration of said amino acid ranges from 100 to 300 ppm.

16. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim 8, wherein the amount of said inosine applied to the soil ranges from 5 to 100 g per 100 tons of soil.--